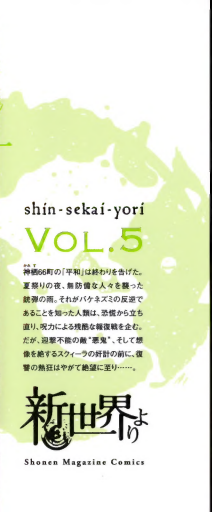

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神栄66町の「平和」は終わりを告げた。夏祭りの夜、無防備な人々を襲った絶滅の雨。それがバケネズミの反逆であることを知った人類は、恐慌から立ち直り、反力による報復戦を企む。だが、迎撃不能の敵"悪鬼"、そして感傷を絶するスウィーラの奸計の前に、復讐の熱狂はやがて絶望に至り……。

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登場人物紹介

[天野麗子]

呪力の制御ができなかったため、不浄猫により処分された。

[青沼瞬]

早季と相思相愛だった俊才。業魔化したため自ら世を去った。

[秋月真理亜]

早季の親友で強気な美少女。処分対象となったため町を離れる。

[伊東守]

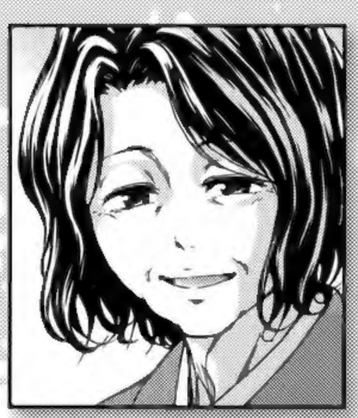
画才に優れた物静かな少年。愛する真理亜を守り、町外に逃亡。

[渡辺早季]

並外れた心の強さに加え、DNA修復能力を持ち、次期指導者として期待される26歳。
町立保健所の異類管理課で、バケネズミの実態調査と管理を担当。

[朝比奈覚]

早季の幼なじみで、『和貴園』『全人学級』での同級生。呪力、学業とも優秀な成績を修め、妙法農場に就職。品種改良と遺伝子の研究にいそしむ。



[朝比奈富子]

『神栖66町』の最高責任者である倫理委員会議長。二世紀以上にわたり町を守ってきた。

[鏑木肆星]

安全保障会議顧問。最強と謳われる超絶的な呪術者。

[日野光風]

職能会議代表。肆星と双璧をなす呪術者だったが、バケネズミに一瞬の隙をつかれ死亡。

[スクィーラ]

『塩屋虻コロニー』の奏上役から代表となった知恵者。人類に反逆、殲滅戦を仕掛ける。

[奇狼丸]

『大雀蜂コロニー』の主席司令官だったが、塩屋虻軍との戦いで大雀蜂軍は全滅。

前巻まで

全人学級卒業から6年。早季と覚は26歳となり、それぞれ仕事に就いていた。果たせない友との約束、大人になる嫌悪といった憂いを抱えつつ、日々は穏やかに過ぎていく。だが、ある日大雀蜂軍全滅の凶報が届く。バケネズミの世界に生じた異変。しかし、2人が衝撃を受けたのは、真理亜と守の死亡宣告だった。そして夏祭りの夜。覚の求婚を受けた早季が目にしたのは、人間に反旗を翻し、虐殺を開始する塩屋虻軍の姿だった。肆星の活躍で恐慌を脱した人々は、反撃を開始。早季達の組は病院に向かうが、そこで"悪鬼"と遭遇してしまう!

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CLICK

HOW...
WE'RE SAFE...?

THAT VOICE... NOGUCHI?!
SHIT! GET AWAY FROM ME!
GET AWAY FROM MEEE-EEE!!

I CAN'T...

AAAA AAAA AGH!

WE CAN'T WAIT AROUND ANY LONGER!! LET'S GET GOING!

I CAN'T DO A THING!!

STOP! STO- AAGH!!

.....

...HELP HIM...!

GOING OUT THERE WITH THE QUEERAT'S WEAPON AGAINST MANKIND RUNNING LOOSE WOULD BE SUICIDE!

MS. SEKI! WE HAVE TO RUN!!

PLEASE!!

HOOH... HOOH...

HAH

NO WAY ...

HUFF...

HOOH ...

LOOKS LIKE... SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GO OUTSIDE...

SEKI, PLEASE!!

WHAT... ARE YOU DOING?

HUFF...

HOOH ...

HAAH

HAAH

I'LL HIDE HERE WITH SEKI.

GO ON WITHOUT ME, YOU TWO.

IF YOU DON'T HURRY BACK AND SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE FIEND...

PLEASE HURRY OFF. IF THIS GOES ON, WE'LL *ALL* BE KILLED.

NOGUCHI?! WHAT ARE YOU...

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE TOGETH-ER!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... BESIDES...

BUT...

YOU WON'T HAVE A TOWN TO RETURN TO ANY MORE.

OOUCHI MIGHT STILL BE HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THIS HOSPITAL...

YOU NEVER KNOW,

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE.

.....

大内 中野 高木 内田

OOUCHI GOT HOSPI-TALIZED ...

OKANO..!!

UUH... MMHF.

IT'LL BE OKAY. LET'S HURRY IN, ALRIGHT?

I'M RELEAS-ING THE BOAT!!

SAKI! LET'S GO!!

.....!

ISN'T THAT NOGUCHI-

DON'T LOOK, SAKI!!

?!

!

GAA-AAA-AAA-AH!!

...ARE YOU?

ARE YOO-OO-OU?!

WHO THE HELL...

LET'S HURRY TO TOWN.

WE SHOULD BE SAFE THIS FAR OUT.

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PLEASE LET US ON!!

...KIDS?

WAIT UP!

?!

HEEY!

UMM... WELL...

HEY!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF YOUR GROUP?

HAAH... HAAH...

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Y... YEAH...

DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO SHUT UP?!

RETARD.

WHAT'S THE STORY WITH YOU TWO, THEN?

BUT I'M GUESSING IT WAS THE RATS...

THEY WERE KILLED.

IT WAS SO DARK, WE COULD HARDLY SEE A THING,

...

BY A FIEND HIDDEN IN THE HOSPI-TAL...

THEY WERE KILLED.

YEAH...I'M SURE THE GIANT HORNETS WERE ALSO ANNIHILATED BY THE FIEND'S CANTUS...

I GUESS... THAT FIEND REALLY WAS SQUEALER'S SECRET WEAPON...

SHUT UP, IDIOT.

MAYBE WE SHOULD TELL THEM THE WHOLE STORY? THIS ISN'T GOOD...

H...HEY, SHO...

...

HEY, BOY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE SAYING?!

STOP INSULTING HER!

MIDGET.

TARD.

SHUT YOUR WHORE MOUTH, DIMWIT.

...

HAHAHA! I'M *TELLING* YOU, IT'S ALL GOOD! DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH I INSULT HER...

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! APOLOGIZE!

HUH? OOH, NAH, MAN, IT'S COOL! WE'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS N' ALL.

THAT WON'T CHANGE!

SHE'S ALWAYS HELLA CUTE AND HELLA CHILL.

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DAMN...I DON'T UNDERSTAND A WORD FROM KIDS THESE DAYS...!
HUH?!
WHA...
...!
SHIT... I'M NOT AN OLD FART ALREADY, AM I?!
UGH...
SAGE ACADEMY FIRST YEAR.
W...WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN?

HARUKA SAKAI.

I'M SHO NIIMA.

OH... I'M...

...YEAH.

THAT BRINGS ME BACK...

FIRST YEARS...!

THAT'S WHEN EVERYONE WAS AROUND...

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?!

AND IT WASN'T FROM JUST ONE PLACE! LET'S HURRY!

IT WAS FROM THE TOWN!

WHAT WAS THAT?!

...

HAH

HAH

WHAT... IN THE WORLD...

HOLY CRAP...

...

SOME... ONE... WATER...

GHK ...

UH... UGH...

...I KNOW.

SAKI...

IF THE FIEND SHOWS UP, EVEN MORE WILL DIE.

WE HAVE TO HURRY TO LADY TOMIKO.

...KO!

...

RIGHT... A MASSIVE EXPLOSION JUST OCCURRED IN TOWN. WE'VE SUSTAINED MAJOR LOSSES.

...HOW ARE THINGS?

LADY TOMIKO! THANK GOODNESS!

...

I SEE...

WE'VE BROUGHT YOU TO THE SAGE ACADEMY'S INFIRMARY, WHICH WAS LEFT UN-HARMED.

OVER 300 CASUALTIES... SINCE YOU WERE ALSO HIT AND LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS,

THREE HUNDRED ...

...LET HER IN.

STOP THE TREATMENT. HELP ME INTO A KIMONO.

LADY TOMIKO! SAKI WATANABE REQUESTS A MEETING!

T-THAT'S NOT TRUE!!

I KNOW IT.

WHATEVER WE DO, THESE WOUNDS WILL NOT HEAL.

THE LAST SAKI SEES OF ME HAS TO BE DIGNIFIED.

B-BUT!!

I USED TO BE

A NURSE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, YOU KNOW?

LADY TOMIKO, HOW ARE YOUR WOUNDS...

'SCUSE US.

カラカラ

?!

A FIEND APPEARED.

...NOT GOOD.

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, HOW ARE THINGS?

I'M OKAY.

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO US...?

SUN KING AND EVERYONE GOT KILLED, JUST LIKE THAT...

SHO, I'M SCARED...

DIDN'T I SAY THAT THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE FOR US?

BETTER GET READY FOR IT, OR HEADS WILL ROLL.

IDIOT! GET IT TOGETHER, BONEHEAD!

DON'T LIKE IT? THEN STOP CRYING LIKE A BITCH.

OKAY ...

MINE WILL.

UuUuU!! NNNNN NG!!

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HMM ...?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

LADY TOMIKO...?

LADY TOMIKO?

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I...SEE...

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...YES...

ARE YOU OKAY?!

LADY TOMIKO! IF WE DON'T TAKE COUNTER-MEASURES, WE WILL BE IN DEEP TROUBLE!!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S CERTAIN THAT SQUEALER IS USING THE FIEND!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... AFTER WE HAD THE FIEND ONCE, WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT EVERY CHILD FROM BECOMING ONE AGAIN THROUGH STRICT MANAGEMENT.

WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE NOW...?

...BUT, SAKI.

...YOU'RE RIGHT.

WE CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT IT.

IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE,

WE CAN'T... DO A THING...

AS WE ARE, WE CANNOT ATTACK THE FIEND.

WHEN OUR ANCESTORS IMPOSED THE DEATH FEEDBACK INTO OUR GENETIC CODE,

THEY ALSO TOOK AWAY OUR ABILITY TO RESTRAIN VERY POWERFUL CANTUS USERS.

!!

...BUT THERE IS ONE POSSIBILITY.

...AT THE TIME, I WAS 22 YEARS OLD. THE FIEND CAME WHEN I WAS AT WORK IN THE HOSPITAL.

Y-YES!

LONG AGO, WHEN WE LAST ENCOUN-TERED A FIEND...

DO YOU REMEM-BER?

I HAVE NO IDEA HOW SANE THAT FIEND WAS...

...!

KOFF

...BUT SOMETING VERY STRANGE HAPPENED INSTEAD.

I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO KILL ME...

I THINK... I'VE CAUGHT A COLD..I'M COUGHING A LOT.

KOFF KRFF

...HUH ?!

DOC-TOR?!

COME THIS WAY.

THEN...

!!

I WAS TREMBLING.SO MUCH, ALL I COULD DO WAS PRAY.

I CURSED MYSELF FOR BEING SO POWERLESS.

UNFORTUNATELY, AS THE FIEND'S AUTOPSY WAS NEGLECTED, HOW HE MANAGED TO KILL THE FIEND HAS REMAINED A MYSTERY...

THE DOCTOR DIED WITH THE FIEND.

DOC-TOR!!

IF ANOTHER FIEND SHOWED UP, WE WOULD BE WIPED OUT FOR SURE.

AND IN ORDER TO PREDICT THAT, THEY PUT IN THE MEASURES WE HAVE TODAY...

...AFTER THAT, THE TOWN'S LEADERS WERE BESIDE THEMSELVES WORRYING OVER HOW TO TELL IF A CHILD WAS SUSCEPTIBLE TO BECOMING A FIEND... TO RAMAN-KLOGIUS SYNDROME.

...

CAN YOU STILL SAY THAT WE SHOULD HAVE STOPPED OUR PRACTICE OF DISPOSING OF CHILDREN...?

EVEN KNOWING THAT, SAKI,

.....

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THAT STORY...?

IT'S TOTALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION!!

SAKI?!

THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE DOING THAT!!

...BY ANY CHANCE,

SAKI ...?

NO WAY ...

HEY, SAKI. WHAT ARE YOU...

EXACT-LY.

DID THAT DOCTOR PRACTICE SURGERY?

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IT'S THE FIEND!!

IT'S—

GUYS! GET OUT OF HERE!

?!

RUUU-UUN!!

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WHA...

THE FIEND IS HEADED OUR WAY!

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LADY TOMIKO ?!

LEAVE ME HERE AND ESCAPE AT ONCE!

SAKI!!

...!

NOW!!

GO...

!

HE MAY BE ABLE TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO DEAL WITH THE FIEND!

YES, MA'AM!

BUT!

SUSUMU! ESCORT THEM TO SHISEI!

.....

BUT ...

COME WITH ME.

SUSUMU TORIGAI.

LADY TOMIKO, YOU SHOULD REALLY COME WITH US!!

WHILE IT'S SAD I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE YOU CREATE...

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE ELSE TO BE MY SUCCESSOR.

SAKI...

WHATEVER YOU ARE PLANNING FOR THE TOWN,

I... CAN'T...

HOLD ON...

IS IN YOUR HANDS.

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...

"A"-A"!!

NOW! GO!!

:PHEW:

IS IT TRUE?!

FIEND ?!

RUUUN!!

REIKO... SHUN... MARIA... MAMORU! THEIR DEATHS WERE ALL...

I HATED HER!!

I...

ALL BECAUSE OF THE TOWN SHE CREATED!

...BUT WE STILL...

SO HOWEVER BITTER MY SPITE...

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THAT SHE PROTECTED FOR TWO CENTURIES!!

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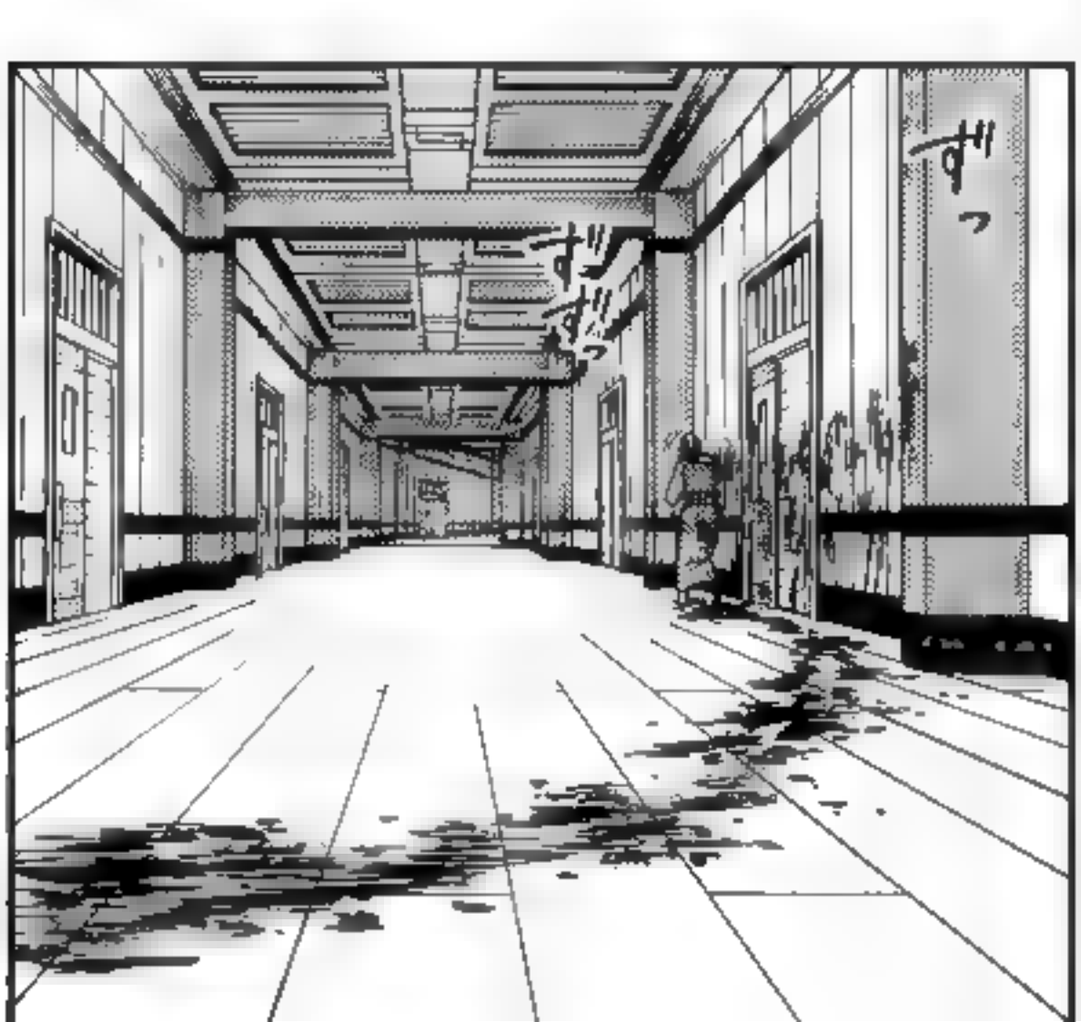
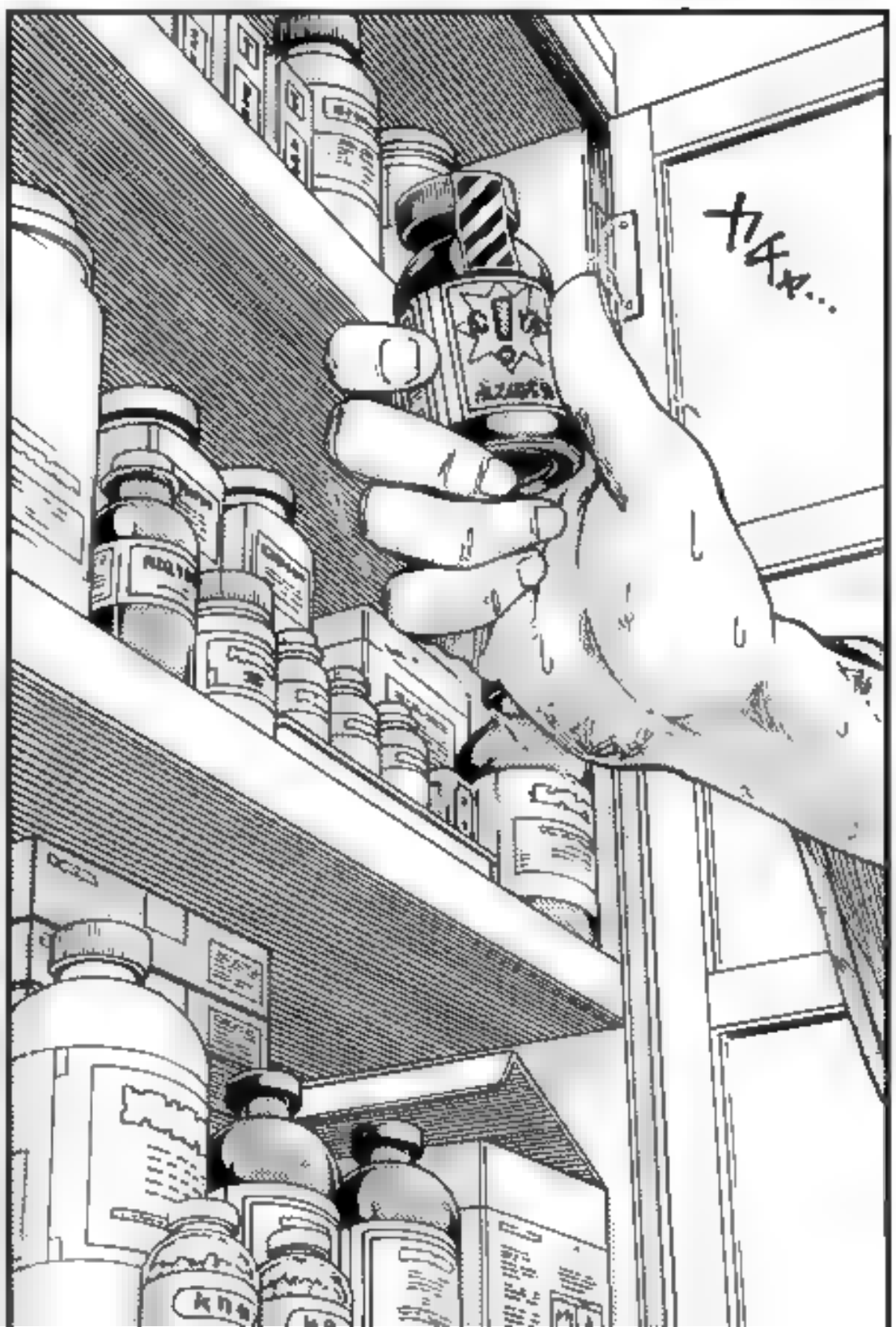
WE STILL LIVED ON IN THIS TOWN

I HAVE TO THANK HER!!





HAH...

HAH...

HAH...

HAH...

MORE ...

HAH...

HAH...

JUST... A BIT...

SO KEEP YOUR TEARS TO YOURSELF! JUST KEEP LOOKING WHERE WE'RE HEADED!

ONCE WE MEET UP WITH SHISEI, WE HAVE TO TAKE DOWN THE FIEND ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!!

SAKI! NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO CRY!

LADY TOMIKO...

IS YOU!!

HER SUCCESSOR

SHE'S...

...

WHILE WATCHING YOUR LOVED ONES DIE BEFORE YOU?

WASN'T IT SAD AND PAINFUL TO LIVE FOR 200 YEARS,

IT WASN'T SAD. SURE, IT WAS PAINFUL TO SEE THEM GO...

BUT,

BEING BORN, GROWING UP,

HAVING KIDS, DYING.

I ALSO WITNESSED THE WEAVING OF COUNTLESS TAPESTRIES OF LIFE.

I SAW ALL OF THOSE MIRACLES.

FROM THE FRIENDS I HAD WHEN I WAS YOUNG...TO THE 9TH GENERATION OF THEIR CHILDREN.

I KNOW THE PARENTS AND ANCESTORS OF EVERYONE WHO LIVES HERE NOW.

WHEN EVERYONE HERE IS LIKE A CHILD TO ME!

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD FEEL SAD...

DISPOSING OF YOUR CHILDREN...

DOESN'T THAT MAKE IT...

ALL THE MORE PAINFUL...?

KILLING MY BELOVED CHILDREN,
PROTECTING MY BELOVED CHILDREN.

FOR ME, IT'S A DUTY ACCOMPLISHED...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

...THAT SOUND...

SAKI SHOULD BE ABLE TO DESIGN A NEW TOWN FREE FROM MY MISTAKES... WITHOUT ANY NEED FOR THIS BITTERNESS...WITHOUT ANY WORRY...

FATHER... MOTHER... EVERYONE!

DOCTOR... I GAVE IT MY ALL!

I'M FINALLY HERE WITH YOU...!

?!

SAKI?!

GUYS?!

I BE

YOU...
FIEND
...!

AA...
AAA
AA...
AH!

Live!!

I'VE LIVED FOR OVER TWO CENTURIES.

A FEW MORE MINUTES BEFORE I DIE IS NOTHING.

I WON'T DIE JUST YET!!

HAH

HAH

HAH

I HAVE A HYPOTHESIS AS TO HOW THE DOCTOR...

MANAGED TO KILL THAT FIEND BACK THEN.

THE ENEMY OF MANKIND! THE FIEND'S FACE!

TAINTED CATS! CONCEAL YOURSELVES! REMEMBER THE FACES OF ALL WHO APPEAR!!

FINAL ORDER!!

THAT IS MY

WORK TOGETHER AND AIM FOR A LULL IN HIS DEFENSES!

THE MOST LIKELY HYPOTHESIS, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE HE WAS A SURGEON, IS...

WITH ATTACK SUPPRESSION, WE CANNOT HARM OTHER PEOPLE.

BUT, WE CAN PERFORM SURGERY.

WITH A KIND HEART, THE DOCTOR CUTS BODIES OPEN TO SAVE LIVES.

"Benevolent cruelty."

WITH THIS POISON, I WILL CURE THE VICTIM OF RAMAN-KLOGIUS SYNDROME...THE FIEND!!

POP

I WILL SUBJECT MYSELF TO THIS AUTOSUGGESTION.

UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT, I...

THE YOUTH WHO COULD ONLY TREMBLE AND PRAY IS NO MORE!!

Benevolent cruelty!

I SACRIFICE MY LIFE FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS TOWN!!

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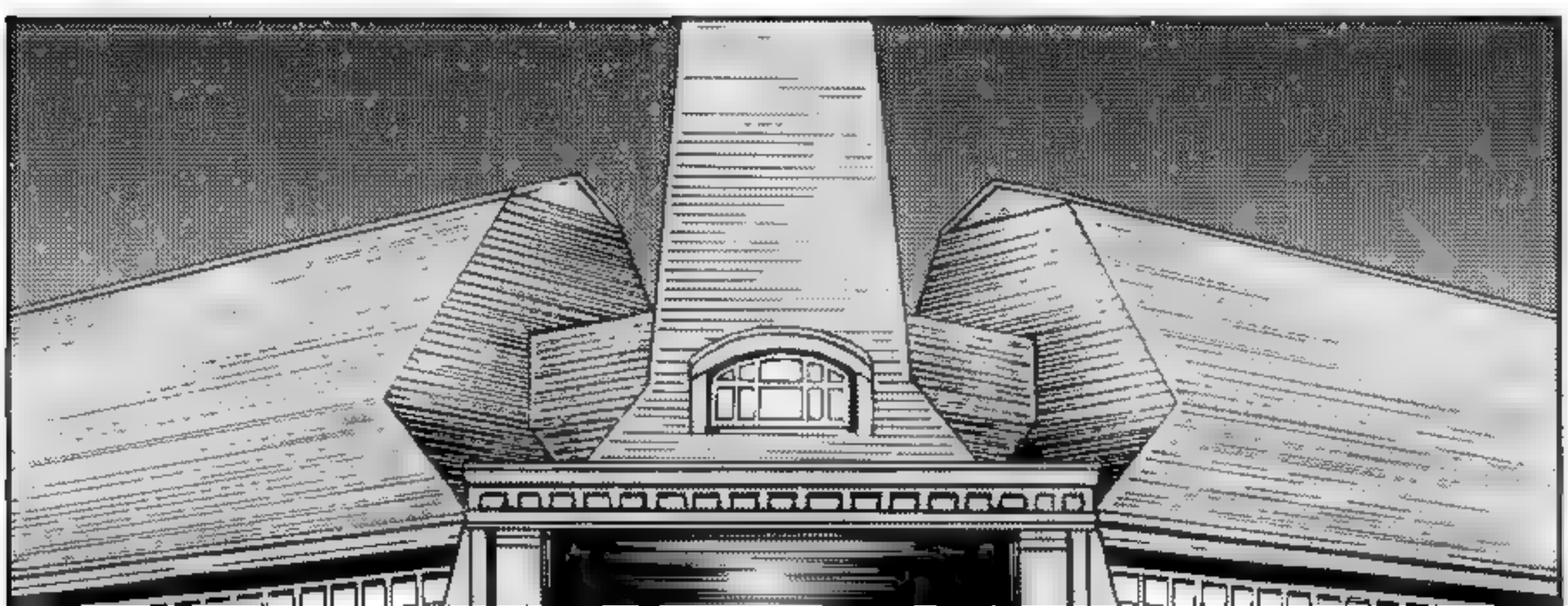

LET ME MAKE SOMETHING CLEAR BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

WHAT?

SO IF *ANYTHING* HAPPENS THAT IS AGAINST LADY TOMIKO'S WILL... SAKI WATANABE!

I LOVE AND RESPECT LADY TOMIKO MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE IN THIS TOWN.

...!

BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A FIEND AND A BUNCH OF QUEERATS TO TAKE DOWN...

WE CAN CONTINUE THIS CHAT ONCE THIS IS ALL OVER.

...SU-SUMU.

WHAT ?!

I WON'T LEAVE THE TOWN TO THE LIKES OF YOU!!

IS TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF MANKIND!!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

WE HAVE A FIEND ON OUR HANDS!!

SHISEI! A FIEND!!

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THERE HE IS! SHISEI!!

HEY! GET READY!! THIS IS OUR CHANCE!!

SHO...

...A FIEND ...

YOU SAY ...?

AND TAKE DOWN THE FIEND!!

WE WILL STEAL THE SHOW...

"WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!!"

at the time, my mind was screaming:

The strange thing was,

Noguchi's last words filled my thoughts.

REALLY...?

SAKI...YOU...

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CANNOT HOPE TO KILL HIM.

A FRIEND LIKE ANDRE.

SQUEALER SURE HAS BEEN UP TO NO GOOD.

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WHAT A RELIEF! NOW THEY CAN'T GET US ANY MORE!

SHISEI!!

WITH THE STRONGEST CANTUS USER AROUND, A MERE FIEND IS NOTHING TO WORRY OVER!!

HEH, HEH!

...

THIS IS JUST A GUESS, BUT... WHAT IF THAT FIEND...

HM?

HEY, SATO-RU...

...

I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT, BUT...

ARE YOO-OOO-OU?!

WHO THE HELL...

...HUH?

NO...THE REMAINS WERE REAL... THEY'RE...

BUT!

THOSE REMAINS COULD'VE BEEN DUMMIES! THEY MIGHT STILL...

AND CAME BACK FOR REVENGE...

MARIA OR MAMORU BECAME A FIEND

...

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WISH FOR YOUR FRIENDS TO BE ALIVE...

SUSU-MU...

NOT A CHANCE!

THOSE BONES WERE REAL! I ALSO EXAMINED THEM MYSELF. OUR MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN IS FLAWLESS...IN WHICH CASE, THE FIEND IS PROBABLY FROM SOME OTHER TOWN.

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WELL, PERSON-ALLY,

HEH... HEH HEH HEH...

WE HAD THE BIGGEST TOAST EVER, TO CELEBRATE OUR VILLAGE'S PEACE.

I'LL NEVER FORGET IT! ON THE DAY THEIR DEATHS WERE CONFIRMED,

THAT WAS SOME OF THE BEST WINE I'VE EVER TASTED!

HAHA HAHA HAHA!

...!

YOU BITCH!!

THEY LEFT BECAUSE YOU ADULTS HAD DRIVEN THEM INTO A CORNER! JUST TO SURVIVE...THEY HAD TO...

I AM GENUINELY THANKFUL

THAT THOSE TWO KIDS DIED LIKE DOGS.

IT WAS JUST A BIT OF CONFUSION AROUND MARIA'S PSYCHIATRIC TEST SCORE...SHE DIDN'T EVEN SHOW ANY NEGATIVE SIGNS...

I KNOW...

...

AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!

BUT THE ADULTS DECIDED TO DISPOSE OF HER BECAUSE OF THEIR COWARDICE!!

BAHA HAHA HAHA!!

...!

YOU GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO YOU! YOU LET YOUR FRIENDS DIE, YOU DAMNED FOOLS!

YOU WERE THE ONES WHO DISOBEYED THE ADULTS IN THE FIRST PLACE!!

HMPH.

PFFT.

!

PEOPLE! LISTEN!

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE TEMPLE OF PURITY! THERE ARE EMERGENCY ROOMS THERE...

I WILL SOON BE DUELING THE FIEND ON THIS PLAZA!

!!

WHA?!

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FUKU

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WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

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GET BACK!
GET BACK!!

THE GROUND ?!

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THE PLAZA CAVED IN?!

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!!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PEOPLE?! DID THEY GET SUCKED IN?!

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HOW?!

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THEY'RE FLOAT-ING...?

OOOH!!

EVERYONE IS SAFE!!

SHISEI SAVED THEM!!

?!

EVERYTHING HE DOES IS POINTLESS.

WHILE I ADMIRE HIS PER-SISTENCE...

WHY WERE THEY IN THE HOLE...

LOOK! THE WALLS OF THE HOLE...

ARE COVERED WITH COUNTLESS SMALLER HOLES! WERE THEY IN THERE?!

QUEER-RATS ...?!

WHAT THE HELL...?! DID THE QUEERATS MAKE THESE?!

THIS LOOKS LIKE THE ENTRANCE OF A TUNNEL!

HEY! OVER HERE, TOO!!

...

FROM OUTSIDE THE BARRIER?! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

WERE THE QUEERAT FORCES TRYING TO GET INTO TOWN BY TUNNELING THEIR WAY IN?

WAIT...

BOTH CAVING IN THE PLAZA AND DIGGING SUCH A LONG TUNNEL...

BUT...

IF THE ROBBER FLY POPULATION HAS GONE UP TENFOLD OR SO SINCE, IT'S ENTIRELY WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY.

!

SUSUMU... WE'VE BEEN INSIDE A QUEERAT COLONY BEFORE.

THE FIEND MUST'VE BEEN IN THEIR PLANS BEFOREHAND...

IT'S A PROJECT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE TEN YEARS.

BUT...?

BEEN SCHEMING UP THIS ATTACK...?

JUST HOW LONG HAS SQUEALER

IT'S LIKE WE WERE BEING LURED INTO HERE.

?!

DESPITE ALL THE EXPLOSIONS IN TOWN, THE STREET WE TOOK TO THE PLAZA WAS COMPLETELY UNSCATHED.

NOW WHAT IS IT?!

AND ANOTHER THING...IT JUST CAUGHT MY ATTENTION.

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IT WOULD BE INSANE TO FIGHT THE FIEND HERE...

...IF THAT'S THE CASE,

THIS IS SHISEI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT! EVEN LADY TOMIKO CALLS HIM THE STRONGEST CANTUS U—

HAH!

HAHAHAHA! WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN?!

W... WHAT WAS THAT?

!!

GAAAA AAAH!

I...IT'S HERE...

NO, NO! STOP!

GAAA-AAH!

H-HELP!

YOU TWO NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!!

SHO! HARUKA!

LET'S STAY HERE AND WATCH THE FIGHT!

WHA?! ARE YOU NUTS?!

THE FIEND...?! WHAT DO WE DO?!

WE'RE STAYING, TOO!

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IT'S THE FIEND!! RVVVN!!

AAAAA-AARGH!!

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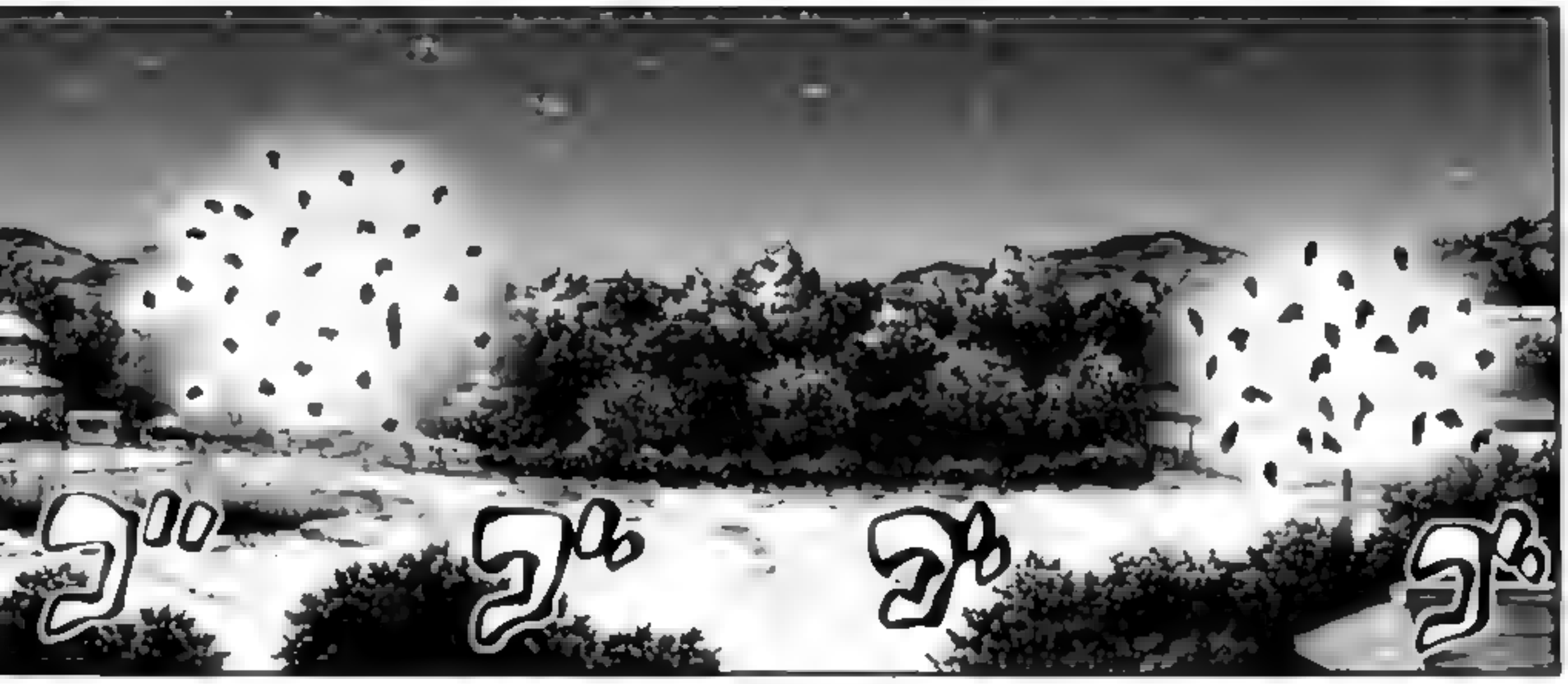
THAT'S...!!

NO...
HELP ME...
AH...
AHH...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IT'S HAPPENING...

THE FATE OF MANKIND

RESTS ON THIS BATTLE...!!

GIKIK!

KAKAKA
KYAKYA!

PAH!

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HA HA HA HA!

KYAK KYAK KYAK

A DUST CLOUD?!

GIK!

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HE... MULTI-PLIED?!

GAAH!!

GIKAK ?!

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HEHEH HAHAHA!

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FOR A CANTUS USER...

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IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?

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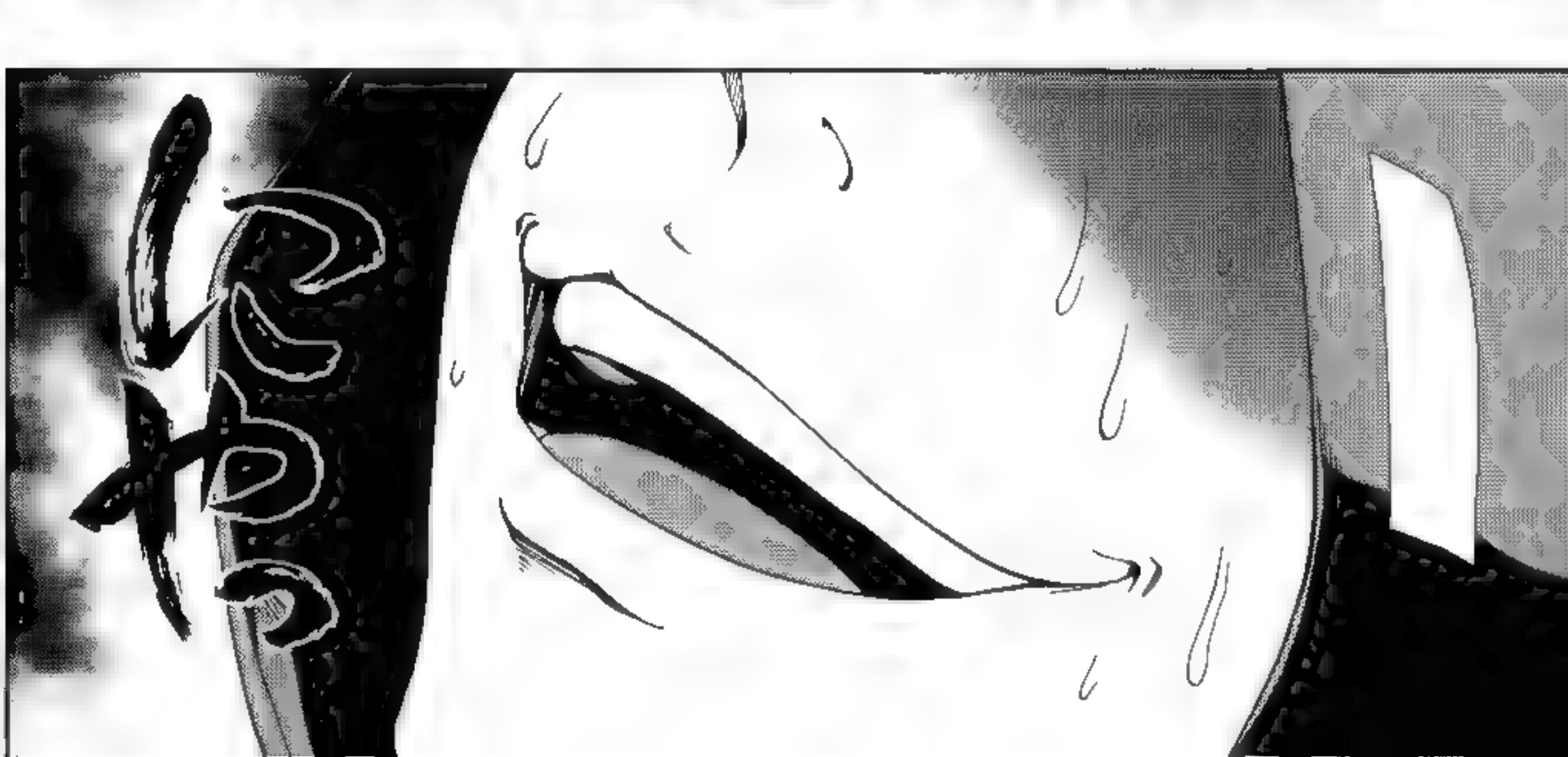
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UGH...

ACK!

GAK!!

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H... HURRY UP AND DESTROY THAT THING!

W... WHAT'S WRONG, SHISEI...?

HUMANS CAN'T ATTACK FIENDS...

I KNEW IT... NOBODY CAN OVERCOME THE ATTACK SUPPRESSION GENE...

NOT EVEN SHISEI STANDS A CHANCE...!

KIKEKEKE!

HOO

KAMISU GO... LADY TOMIKO'S VILLAGE!!

NO WAY... DOES THAT MEAN...

WE'RE JUST GONNA GET WIPED OUT BY THAT FIEND ALONE?!

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WE CAN'T STOP THE FIEND...

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO...!

IS IN YOUR HANDS.

KAMISU DISTRICT 66

...IS DONE FOR...!

THIS TOWN...

TAINTED... CATS?!

NO WAY... ARE THEY...

!

THE FIEND ?! ...!

TAR-GETING

THIS IS HOW WE CAN FIGHT THE FIEND...!!

THIS IS IT...!

ARE THEY ON OUR SIDE?!

...

ALRIGHT! LET'S HELP THE CATS OUT!!

WE CAN WIN!!

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PIKRRKBI!!

PIKRRKBI!!

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GICHK?!

OVER HERE, FIEND!

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LET THEM OUT AFTER ALL...!!

SO LADY TOMIKO...

YEAH!

LET'S GO!!

I NEVER EXPECTED TO GET *HELP* FROM THESE TAINTED CATS...

YEAH... THIS SUCKS.

SAVE THE TOWN...

I BEG YOU... SAVE US...

WOULD END UP SAVING OUR LIVES!!

TO THINK THESE CATS...

PIKRRKBI!

PIKRRKBI!

PIKRRKBI!

PIKRRKBI!

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PIKRRKBI!

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IT'S OVER.

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"PIKRRKBI..."

"HELP ME...?"

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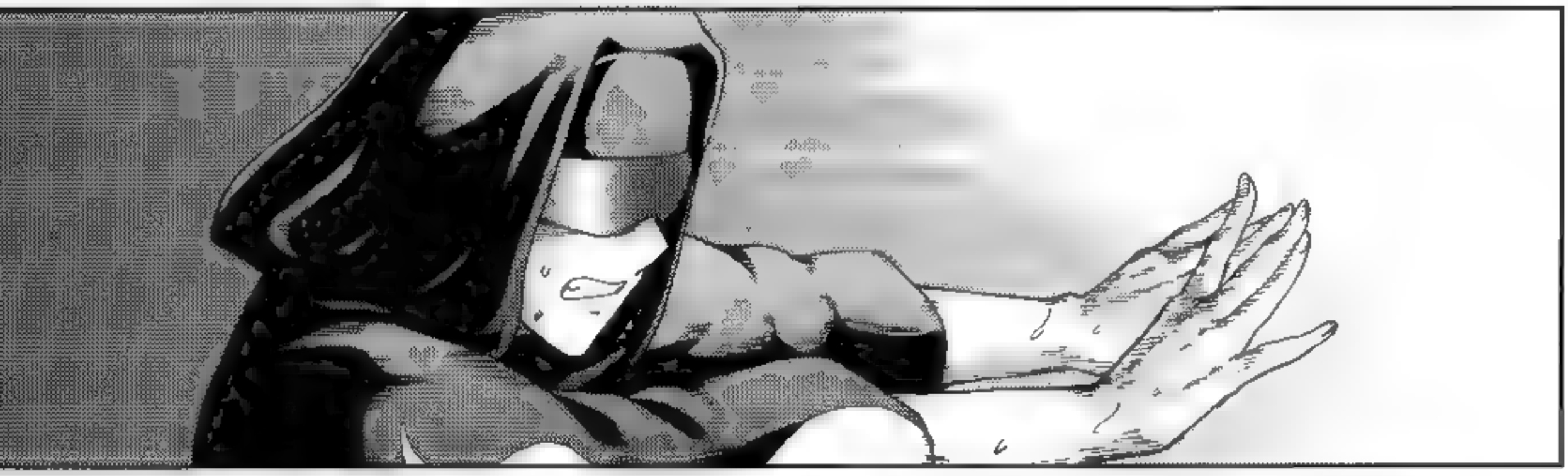
THE QUEERATS ARE PRO-TECTING IT?!

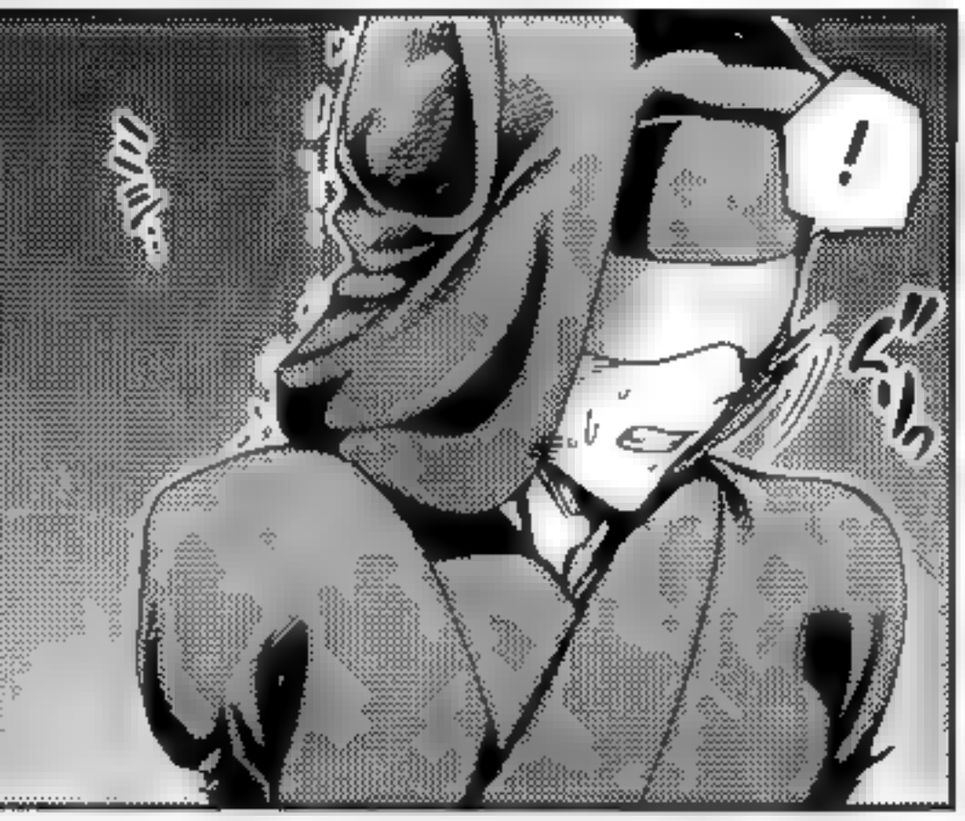


WE HAVE

NO WAY TO FIGHT IT...?!

THE TAINTED CATS...

WERE DESTROYED...?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KYAK!
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UGH!

JUMP INTO THAT PIT!!
QUICK, WHILE THE FIEND IS FOCUSED ON KILLING ME!

GGHH...

L...LOOK AT HIS NECK...!

IT'S ALL OVER... WE'RE DONE FOR...

...

SHIT... SHIT...!

EVEN SHISEI ...

AH... AAH...

BUT I AM THE STRONGEST CANTUS USER WHO MUST PROTECT THIS VILLAGE!!

HURRY...GO! I CAN NO LONGER ESCAPE FROM ITS CANTUS!

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MY DEATH COULD SAVE YOUR LIVES!!

I WISH THAT AT THE VERY LEAST,

SATORU! LET'S GO! GET UP!!

!!

NOBODY CAN STOP THE FIEND... WHEREVER WE RUN...

IT'LL CHASE US... AND KILL US...!

RUNNING'S NO USE!!

...

SO *WHAT* IF WE GO...?

?!

IF THAT'S THE CASE,

DIDN'T YOU THINK SO, TOO?

I THINK WE'LL LIVE AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER...

WE CAN STILL LIVE!!

THEN GET AHOLD OF YOUR-SELF!!

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GAAA-AAAH!

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AGH...

GHH...

SORRY! LET'S GO!!

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WHY DID I THINK

THAT I JUST
HAD TO SEE

WHY...

THAT FACE...

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WAS THAT BEAUTIFUL, FLAME-COLORED HAIR,

AND...

THE UNMISTAKEABLE SHAPE

OF AN EXPLOSION...

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YEAH...

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

HIHYAKYAH
HYAHYAHYA!

MARIA AND MAMORU ARE GONE, BUT THEIR CHILD REMAINS...

...AT THAT MOMENT, WITH NOTHING ELSE ON MY MIND, I FINALLY ACCEPTED IT...

WHY...? HOW...?!

Satoru and I are
the only ones left...

...

...I'M OKAY...

SAKI ...

LET'S GET TO THE TEMPLE OF PURITY!

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MAY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN SHELTER THERE.

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WE WERE HELPLESS BACK THERE... FUCK!

SHO...

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WE HAVE NO WEAPON AGAINST IT.

BUT...

HOW DID MARIA AND MAMORU'S CHILD TURN INTO A FIEND...?

...

THE FIEND GOT EVEN SHISEI...

IT'S... ALL OVER...

WE WILL TAKE BACK THE TOWN! BEFORE WE DESPAIR. NOW...

WE MUST THINK ONLY OF GETTING TO THE TEMPLE OF PURITY IN ONE PIECE!

WOW...

SHE'S SO COOL...

IS THIS JUST WHAT TOMIKO'S HAND-PICKED SUCCESSOR IS LIKE...?

HOW CAN SHE STILL KEEP HER COMPOSURE LIKE THAT?!

...I KNOW.

BUT... SAKI...

WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO KILL, EVEN IF IT'S THEIR CHILD...!

SATO-RU!

THERE'S NO HELPING THAT HE TURNED INTO A FIEND.

...

GUYS! LOOK!

!

ARE YOU PREPARED TO KILL MARIA'S CHILD...?

IT'S A QUEERAT ...!

IS IT UNCON-SCIOUS ...?

BI?!

LET'S CATCH HIM!

AND LOOK AT HIS CLOTHING! HE MUST BE PRETTY HIGH UP... HE MIGHT SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE!

HIS ARM'S MISSING...! MIGHT'VE CUT IT OFF HIMSELF AND GOT AWAY WHEN SHISEI CAUGHT 'EM ALL...

WE ARE FREEING OURSELVES FROM THIS OPPRES-SION!

KIK... KYAKYAK!

YOU DEVILS!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND HUMANS? ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY!

WHAT DO YOU STAND TO GAIN BY RAISING YOUR ARMS AGAINST HUMANS?

YOU RISK BEING ANNIHILATED JUST FOR THAT...?

OPPRES-SION...? WE'RE JUST SUPERVISING YOU.

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AND YET...WE MERELY LACK CANTUS, SO WE ARE STRIPPED OF OUR DIGNITY!

"ONLY?!" WE ARE BEINGS WHO POSSESS A HIGH LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE! WE SHOULD BE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS YOU!

SO THE FIEND WAS WORKING WITH THE QUEERATS AFTER ALL...

UNDER OUR LIBERATOR, SQUEALER,

AND OUR MESSIAH... WE WILL PREVAIL!

WE WILL EXTERMINATE YOU FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND TAKE BACK OUR PRIDE!

GIVE UP! OUR MESSIAH WILL...

STAMP OUT...

KRUNCH KRUNCH KRUNCH KRUNCH

FOOTSTEPS! IS IT THE FIEND?!

KIKYAKYAK KAK!

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YOU CURSED DEVILS!

ARE YOU HARMED?

!

AN ARROW

AND... INUI?!

KIRO-MARU ?!

YEAH, WE WERE CLASSMATES AT SAGE ACADEMY.

YOU KNOW HIM?!

AH, SUSUMU!

INUI! YOU'RE ALIVE!!

WE'RE HEADED FOR THE EMERGENCY HEADQUARTERS AT THE TEMPLE OF PURITY! WE CAN THINK OF A WAY TO FIGHT THIS THING ONCE WE'RE THERE!

YEAH...WHAT DO YOU GUYS PLAN ON DOING NEXT?

INUI... HEARD ABOUT THE FIEND?

WE MET KIROMARU IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN...HE WAS GOING TO ELIMINATE ALL OF THE RATS UNDERGROUND.

GODS...I AM TERRIBLY SORRY TO REPORT THIS, BUT...

INUI...?

...

DID ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THE TEMPLE OF PURITY...?

IS THAT SO...

HAS BURNED DOWN.

THE TEMPLE OF PURITY

?!

...

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE...?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

IMPOSSIBLE! THEN WHAT OF ELDER MUSHIN?!

THE TEMPLE OF PURITY SHOULD BE TOTALLY HIDDEN! THE QUEERATS HAVE NO WAY OF FINDING IT!

GYAK!
PKYAK!

DON'T GET TOO FULL OF YOUR-SELVES, YOU BEASTS!

WE, TOO, CAN STOP BULLETS!
EVEN IF WE CANNOT MATCH KOFU AND SHISEI,
WE ARE THE THE NEXT BEST BET! IF WE JUST FOCUS...

LET EVERY REMAINING SURVIVOR PROTECT OUR HOME!

SHISEI SHOULD BE FIGHTING ELSEWHERE AS WELL!

WE'LL DRIVE OUT THE FIEND AND LET THE QUEERATS TASTE DEATH!

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WHAT HAP-PENED?

WE WERE DEFEATED AGAIN?! DAMN IT...

GIKRR KIKIKIK!

HUH?!

I DON'T GIVE A HUMAN'S ASS ABOUT *THAT*...

WHAT ABOUT OUR *SPOILS OF WAR?*

T...THE TOWN IS MOSTLY UNDER OUR CONTROL, BUT...GUERILLA ATTACKS CONTINUE TO SET US BACK...

LORD SQUEALER ?!

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...EXCEL-LENT.

H... HERE IT IS.

OH, RIGHT... TO GET RID OF THOSE GUERILLAS ...

EXTRACT WHATEVER INTELLIGENCE YOU CAN. YOU MAY KILL THEM ONCE YOU'RE FINISHED.

ABOUT TEN.

ANY PRISON-ERS?

BRING IT BACK TO THE COLONY.

IT WAS INCREDIBLY BRUTAL IN KILLING US... INSTEAD OF DOING IT DIRECTLY WITH CANTUS, IT SIMPLY STOLE OUR WEAPONS AND LET THE ROBBER FLIES DO THE DIRTY WORK.

MY SUBORDINATES TOSSED THEIR LIVES AWAY TO GET ME AWAY, BUT RIGHT AT MY TIME OF ESCAPE, THE FIEND SAW ME...

HOW WERE THE GIANT HORNETS WIPED OUT?

HEY, KIRO-MARU.

THE FIEND APPEARED ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

AFTERWARDS, SOME GODS CAME UPON ME AND I WAS TAKEN TO THE PRISON AT THE TEMPLE OF PURITY...

I WAS PREPARED TO DIE, BUT... IT PASSED ME OVER.

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PERHAPS IT THOUGHT ME NOT WORTH KILLING.

BY THE WAY, MASTER INUI... DID YOU NOT SEE SOMETHING UNBELIEVABLE...?

SUDDENLY, THERE CAME A ROARING NOISE, AND BEFORE WE KNEW IT, EVERYTHING WAS AFLAME...

WE CAME ACROSS THE FIEND.

YEAH...A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE SET OUT TO DESTROY THE ROBBER FLY COLONY,

WHAT'D YOU SEE BACK THERE, INUI?!

THE FIRST PLACE I CAME TO WAS A NURSERY...

I MANAGED TO ESCAPE WITH MY LIFE AND HEADED BACK TO WARN THE TOWN.

THINKING IT WAS JUST A CHILD, WE GOT CLOSE, ONLY TO BE ANNIHILATED.

I WAS ON ENEMY GROUND...I MOVED CAREFULLY SO AS TO REMAIN UNSEEN. WHEN I FINALLY ARRIVED...

INSIDE, I SAW NAUGHT BUT THE CORPSES OF THE FACULTY.

LOOKS LIKE THE FIEND TORE THIS PLACE APART...

SHIT! I'M TOO LATE!!

BUT..

WHEN I GOT THERE...

THINKING THAT SOMEONE HAD AT LEAST, MADE OFF WITH A BABY, I FOLLOWED THE VOICE TO ITS SOURCE.

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AGYAAAA AGYAAH!!

OF COURSE, I *KNEW* THEY DID THINGS LIKE THIS BEFOREHAND...

...HOW-EVER...

...INUI?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT I SAW THERE...

WAAH!

GWAA!

WAAA-AAAA-AAAA-AAH!!

BY THE QUEERATS...

BEING BRANDED...

WAS A BABY...

GWAA AAA!

GWAA!

AGAA!

EVEN HUMAN BABIES...

HOW EVIL CAN THEY GET?!

UGH!

YEEK...

DIDN'T THEY DO THE SAME THING IN THE WAR WITH THE FOREIGN SPECIES?

DAMN SQUEALER TO HELL!

DAMNED MONSTERS! BABIES, OF ALL THE THINGS...!

!

WHAT?! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?!

THE SITUATION IS GRAVE.

GODS... PLEASE CALM YOUR-SELVES.

HUH?!

ALL THIS TIME, THEIR REAL OBJECTIVE WAS THE BABIES!

WHA?

I SEE! UNBELIE-VABLE...!

IT CAN'T BE!

N...NO WAY...

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...

WAS MARIA AND MAMORU'S CHILD...

THE FIRST...

IF THOSE BABIES GROW UP AND ARE ABLE TO USE CANTUS...

THEY'D BE UNSTOP-PABLE!

THEY RAISED IT INTO A FIEND TO ATTACK THE TOWN, THEREBY GAINING EVEN MORE BABIES.

THE ENTIRE JAPANESE ARCHI-PELAGO— NO,

IF THEY KEEP RAISING FIENDS AND ATTACKING TOWNS, THEY'LL KEEP GETTING MORE AND MORE...

THEY'LL CROSS THE SEAS, AND LAY RUIN TO THE THE ENTIRE WORLD'S POPULATION!

THAT IS THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THIS BATTLE...!

THE QUEERATS WILL DOMINATE THE WORLD!

IT'S SQUEALER'S GRAND DESIGN!

BAITING SUCCESS-FUL... HEH HEH!

GKPOK!

H'AAAH!

IT'S ALMOST SUNRISE!

OVER THERE! SOMETHING'S THERE!

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OUR ADANTAGE WILL BE EVEN GREATER ONCE THE SUN RISES!

YEAH!

WE'LL TAKE BACK THIS AREA BIT BY BIT! DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD!

...

WHAT... IS THAT?

!

OH, PLEASE NO...

NOOOOO OOOOO OOOO!

NO, THIS ISN'T REAL...! SHISEI! EVEN LADY TOMIKO!

AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAH!

FOCUS! THEY'RE AIMING GUNS AT US!

I SMELL GUN-POWDER! IT'S A TRAP!

!

HEH HEH.

AAA AAA AH!

AH...

LADY TOMIKO... KAMISU DISTRICT 66...THEY ALL GOT KILLED.

IF WE DON'T FIGHT HERE, THEN A LOT MORE PEOPLE WILL DIE!

GET A GRIP!

AAAA AAAA AAAA AAH!

HEH...

THIS TOWN IS DONE FOR...

SQUEALER IS TRULY A GENIUS, PLAYING WITH THEIR MINDS TO DESTROY THE RESISTANCE.

HURRY UP AND CLEAR AWAY THE BODIES. WE'RE LURING IN THE NEXT GUERILLA GROUP.

SUC-CESS.

OUR MESSIAH HAS DESCENDED AND BROUGHT DOOM UPON THE DEVILS OF THE SURFACE WORLD.

HHH

HHH

WITH OUR LIBERATOR, SQUEALER, AT THE HELM.

FOR NOTHING BUT DESTRUC-TION?!

ARE WE FATED...

ACTUALLY, WHEN THE TEMPLE OF PURITY WAS BURNING DOWN, YOUR PARENTS FREED ME FROM THE PRISON, AND ASKED ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU IF I SAW YOU...

SAKI WATA-NABE, MILADY.

THIS PACKAGE.

THEY GAVE ME

THEY RETURNED TO THAT VILLAGE. IT'S AMAZING THEY'RE STILL ALIVE...

...YES.

THEY WENT TO THE LIBRARY IN TOWN TO DESTROY SOME INFORMATION THAT SHOULD NOT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS...

MY MOM AND DAD?! WHERE ARE THEY RIGHT NOW?!

!!

...

THEY INSTRUCTED ME TO ASSURE THAT *ONLY* SAKI WERE TO GAIN POSSESSION OF IT.

KIROMARU...! WHY HAVE YOU STAYED SILENT UNTIL NOW?!

...

WHAT'S IN IT?

A BOX... AND A LETTER?

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...TO MY BELOVED SAKI,

What I am now writing down is the only way we may fight this fiend.

A fiend is now on the loose, and I hear there have been many casualties.

called "Psycho-buster."

The weapon of mass destruction of ancient civilization...

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUC-TION...?

AN-CIENT CIVILI-ZATION ...?

WHAT?! A WAY TO FIGHT THE FIEND?!

...

PSYCHO-BUSTER ...!

They tested many different methods involving chemicals and tools to hide killing intent, but they all failed.

The most difficult part is fooling ourselves about it.

Not even Lady Tomiko knows of this—it is knowledge passed down only through librarians.

It is the result of research done on how we may sidestep attack suppression and death feedback in order to kill other humans.

...there was a breakthrough.

They found...

But...

IT FOOLS OURSELVES? WHAT KIND OF WEAPON IS THIS, ANYWAYS...?

Using Psycho-buster, it is possible to kill without the impression that you hold any killing intent.

THE DEVICE IN THE BOX SHOULD BRING YOU THERE... THAT'S ALL IT SAYS.

I CANNOT WRITE DOWN ANYTHING SPECIFIC, BUT IT IS BEING PRESERVED IN... UMM...MINATO... WARD...TOKYO?

THIS IS THE ANCIENT ADDRESS...

IT'S...

YEAH!!

OPEN THE BOX!

A FALSE MINO-SHIRO...?

AFTER BEING IN HIBERNATION FOR THIS LONG, IT WILL NEED SOME TIME TO ABSORB SUNLIGHT...

...FOUND IN THE #4 DEPOT UNEARTHED AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT TSUKUBA... SAMPLE.

SOLAR-POWERED AUTONOMOUS-TYPE ARCHIVE: VERSION SP-SPTA-6000.

NO... IT'S TOO SMALL, AND IT'S SHAPED DIFFERENTLY...IS IT A *FAKE* FALSE MINOSHIRO?

THERE'S A USER MANUAL!

THAT PLACE IS INFESTED WITH DEMONS...

TOKYO ...

SO...IF WE CAN MAKE THIS THING WORK, WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON THAT PSYCHO-BUSTER THING...?

WHAT?!

THAT IS A MISUN-DERSTAN-DING.

I HEAR IT'S A BARREN WASTELAND WHERE NO LIVING THING COULD POSSIBLY EXIST!!

I HAVE BEEN THERE ONCE BEFORE ON A SEARCH.

SPEAKING OF TOKYO,

I LOST A THIRD OF MY SEARCH PARTY TO THAT PLACE.

BUT HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT ITS DANGERS.

IF YOU BRING ME ALONG, I MAY STEER YOU GODS AWAY FROM DANGER!

I NEVER LOSE MY WAY IN A PLACE THAT I HAVE VISITED ONCE BEFORE!

TO SAVE OUR QUEEN AND TEAR SQUEALER LIMB FROM LIMB BECAME MY SOLE PURPOSE EVER SINCE MY MEN GAVE THEIR LIVES TO ALLOW ME ANOTHER CHANCE AT LIFE...!!

THAT VILLAIN HOLDS IN CUSTODY THE QUEEN WHO IS MY COLONY'S MOTHER...OUR EVERYTHING!

IF YOU HOLD DOUBTS ABOUT MY FEALTY,

B...BUT YOU'RE JUST A BEAST AFTER ALL, TOO, AREN'T YOU?!

I HOPE THAT YOU AT LEAST PUT FAITH IN OUR MUTUAL HATRED OF SQUEALER!!

TOKYO...

TOKYO...

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Saki, you have the strength.

The strength to never give up until you reach your objectives, no matter how much you cry or lose heart.

IF WE GO TO TOKYO...

WE MAY TOPPLE SQUEALER'S PLAN...AND SAVE THE WORLD'S HUMANITY...!

If the Psycho-buster does indeed exist, I am certain that you will be the one to find it.

Please use it to defeat the fiend and save our town."

Our love for you stems from the bottom of our hearts.

I will be watching your future intently.

—Your mother, Mizuho Watanabe.

THIS IS TRULY...

OUR LAST HOPE !! .....

TO TOKYO IT IS!!

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HAAAH...
HAAAH...

HANG IN THERE. WE WON'T HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE.

Y... YEAH...

YOU OKAY?

HARUKA, WANNA RIDE ON MY BACK?

I-I'M OKAY!

WE'RE ALMOST AT MY HOUSE! LET'S REST THERE ONCE WE'VE PREPARED TO SET OFF FOR TOKYO.

AREN'T COMING WITH US, ARE THEY?

THOSE TWO STUDENTS

HEY, JUST TO MAKE SURE...

HARUKA... HARUKA SAKAI...

HOLD ON!!

YOU'RE RIGHT, IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO BRING FIRST-YEARS WHO'VE ONLY JUST LEARNED HOW TO USE CANTUS...

H-HOLD ON A SEC! WE'RE...

NOW... THAT YOU MENTION IT...

WE MAY BE INEXPERIENCED WITH CANTUS, BUT WE SHOULD BE OF AT LEAST SOME USE!

WE'RE GOING, TOO!!

...

FOR HER SAKE...! I HAVE TO GO...!!

NO— LIKE I SAID...!

EVEN IF *YOU'RE* GOOD, *SHE* MIGHT HAVE A HARDER TIME.

TAKE THEM WITH US.

!

WE ALSO WANT TO LEND OUR STRENGTH TO SAVE OUR TOWN!!

I BEG YOU!!

I'M SURE THEY'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR BRAVERY IN TOKYO!

THEY'RE BRILLIANT WARRIORS WHO STOOD AND FOUGHT IN THE FACE OF THE FIEND!

Y-YES! WE'LL DO OUR BEST!!

?

...

I GOT SOME OF MY CLOTHES IN THIS ROOM, TOO...

I HOPE I HAVE SOME CLOTHES THAT'LL FIT HARUKA...

WHAT A RELIEF...! I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE SAFE SINCE IT'S IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...!

...

OH, THIS...! I THINK NOTHING OF IT...

CAN YOU TEND TO YOUR WOUNDS YOURSELF?

KIRO-MARU!

I WILL STAND GUARD, THEN...

...

SURE!

ALRIGHT, WE'LL BE CHANGING OUT HERE, SO DON'T COME OUT 'TIL I SAY WE'RE DONE, OKAY?

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SHO?

Y-YEAH!

BOTH OF THEM ARE DEAD, NOW, THOUGH...

HUH?!

THOSE... ARE DRAWINGS A FRIEND MADE OF ME AND MY BEST FRIEND WHEN I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE.

UM... SAKI? WHAT ARE THESE...?

THE GIRL IN THE PICTURE, MARIA... WAS IN DANGER OF GETTING DISPOSED OF, SO SHE AND THE BOY, MAMORU, TOOK OFF INTO THE WILD. IT WAS A MATTER OF SURVIVAL.

H...HOW DID THAT...

WEIRD, ISN'T IT...? HAVING TO KILL MY BEST FRIEND'S CHILD...

...THE FIEND IS PROBABLY THEIR CHILD.

HOWEVER SHORT IT MAY HAVE BEEN, I WONDER IF THEY MANAGED TO LIVE HAPPILY...

...

UH— O-OKAY...

HARUKA, LET ME TAKE OFF YOUR OBI FOR YOU.

HARU-KA.

ARE YOU... HIDING ANYTHING?

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!

SAKI...!!

THEY'RE GONNA DISPOSE OF ME, TOO!!

P... PLEASE HELP ME...!

YES...

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?!

!!

!!

SHUN?!

PROTECT ME FROM BEING DISPOSED OF BY THE ADULTS...

PLEASE ...

REIKO...?!

MARIA?!

I DON'T WANNA DIE!!

MAMORU?!

THANKS FOR BACKING US UP EARLIER, MR. SUSUMU!

HAHA! I WAS JUST SPEAKING MY MIND!

I HAD SUCH A HARD TIME WHEN I COULDN'T MEET HIM SINCE I GRADUATED LATE...

I'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH SHO EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE... I DON'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS, SO WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER...

Oh, Sho! It's you! It's been so long!

I was so nervous!

HEY!

IDIOT!! RETARD!!

YOU'RE LATE!!

Y... YEAH.

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HARUKA... SAKAI... HOPE... WE...C... ET... ALONG...

UH...UM... M...MY NAM...IS...

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EVEN AFTER THAT, I WAS NEVER GOOD AT IT...

TCH!

AHH...

OH!

I WAS THE LAST ONE TO BE ABLE TO USE CANTUS...

AND... JUST THE OTHER DAY...

YOU CAN'T USE CANTUS WELL?!

...

'KAY.

THE SUN KING ASKED ME TO DO SOMETHING, CAN YOU GO HOME BY YOURSELF TODAY?

W... WHO'S THERE ...?

WOW, IT'S TOTALLY PITCH BLACK!

WHO IS IT?

!!

WHAT?!
WHAT?!

WHY?!
HELP ME...!!

HUFF

HUFF

HELP ME, SHO...!!

ANYWAYS, WE HAVE TO GET YOU TO YOUR MOM...!

IS THAT ONE OF THOSE FAZE CATS I'VE HEARD ABOUT?! WHY'S IT AFTER YOU?!

SHO! SHOOOO!!

W...WHAT ARE YOU... HARUKA WAS ACTUALLY ATTACKED...

OH, SHO, YOU BIG BLUFFER!

HUH ...?

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS PHASE CATS!

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SEEING THINGS!

YOU WERE JUST SEEING THINGS, WEREN'T YOU?

...YEAH, I GUESS. IN THAT CASE...

...IF MY PARENTS BOTH THINK SO, TOO, THEN...

I... MUST BE WANTED DEAD.

WHAT THE HELL?! DAMN IT!

HUH?!

...I WON'T LET THE ADULTS HAVE THEIR WAY!!

IN THAT CASE ...

WILL YOU KEEP LIVING AS LONG AS I WANT YOU TO LIVE?

BUT WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, I KNOW I CAN'T JUST LOSE HOPE AND WALLOW IN SADNESS.

AFTER THAT, SHO STARTED DOING ALL SORTS OF DANGEROUS THINGS TO PROTECT ME...I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

EVEN IF YOU MAKE THE TOWN GO BACK TO HOW IT WAS...

PLEASE ...!

I CONSTANTLY FIND MYSELF WONDERING ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD'VE BEEN LIKE...

IF MY CURRENT SELF WAS THERE WITH MY PAST SELF...

RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...!!

NOW IT'S HAPPENING!

PLEASE DON'T DISPOSE OF ME!!

I BEG YOU...

I WILL HELP YOU...!!

I WILL DEFINITELY HELP YOU!!

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THIS TIME...DEFINITELY...!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH...!!

HM?

WHY ARE YOU... GRAB-BING MY...

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UM... SAKI...?

UH...

YOU MUST BE TENSE, AREN'T YOU? LET ME HELP YOU RELAX. YOU...DO THIS KIND OF STUFF WITH YOUR FRIENDS, DON'T YOU?

Huh?! I've heard about people doing it, but I... haven't...

OH... THEN...

Nfhm

O... OKAY...

Mm!

I'LL BE EXTRA NICE TO YOU! ♡

N...

Hah

Ah!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? CAN SHE HANDLE IT?

SHE ENDED UP CHOOSING SAKI AS HER SUCCES-SOR.

WHAT?!

INUI...LADY TOMIKO IS NO LONGER WITH US...

HEH!

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HAAH... HAAH...

Ah...♥

Hah...

Ah...

YOU'RE SO CUTE, HARUKA.

YOUR FACE... AND SOME OTHER THINGS'VE TURNED CHERRY RED...♡

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SA... KIIII...!

WORKING WITH HER ONCE ONLY CONFIRMED MY THINKING. HOW ABOUT YOU?

I THINK SHE HAS THE APTI-TUDE.

IT FEELS LIKE THE DRAWINGS ON THE WALL ARE WATCHING US...

IT'S... KINDA WEIRD...

Hah

Mm

Haah

Haah.

NO...

Hah

AH! ...SA... SAKI...

HMM? WHAT'S WRONG?

Ah!

Hah!♥

Ah♥

WHAT'S SO WEIRD ABOUT THAT?

Hah

HEHEH, BEING SEEN BY PEOPLE?

AAAAH! YOU MEANIE...!

HEH HEH HEH!

Nm♥

DAMNED FOOL!!

THERE'S NO FUCKING WAY WE'RE LEAVING THE TOWN UP TO THAT KIND OF WOMAN!!

SAKI! ♡

OPENING UP, NOW?

IT'S KIROMARU... DIDN'T YOU FIND HIM A BIT OFF?

?

ANYWAYS, YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

ARE YOU SAYING HE KILLED MIZUHO WATANABE AND STOLE IT FROM HER?!

!! DON'T TELL ME?!

DO YOU THINK ANY HUMAN WOULD ENTRUST SUCH TOP SECRET ARCHIVES TO A QUEERAT?

IN THE END, HE *IS* A QUEERAT... WE SHOULD STAY CAUTIOUS OF POSSIBLE TREACHERY.

WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE...HE'S A FAMOUS AND SKILLED GENERAL. HE WON'T GIVE HIMSELF AWAY.

HEY, YOUR FACE IS RED. IS IT A COLD?

Huh?! N-nothing happened at all!!

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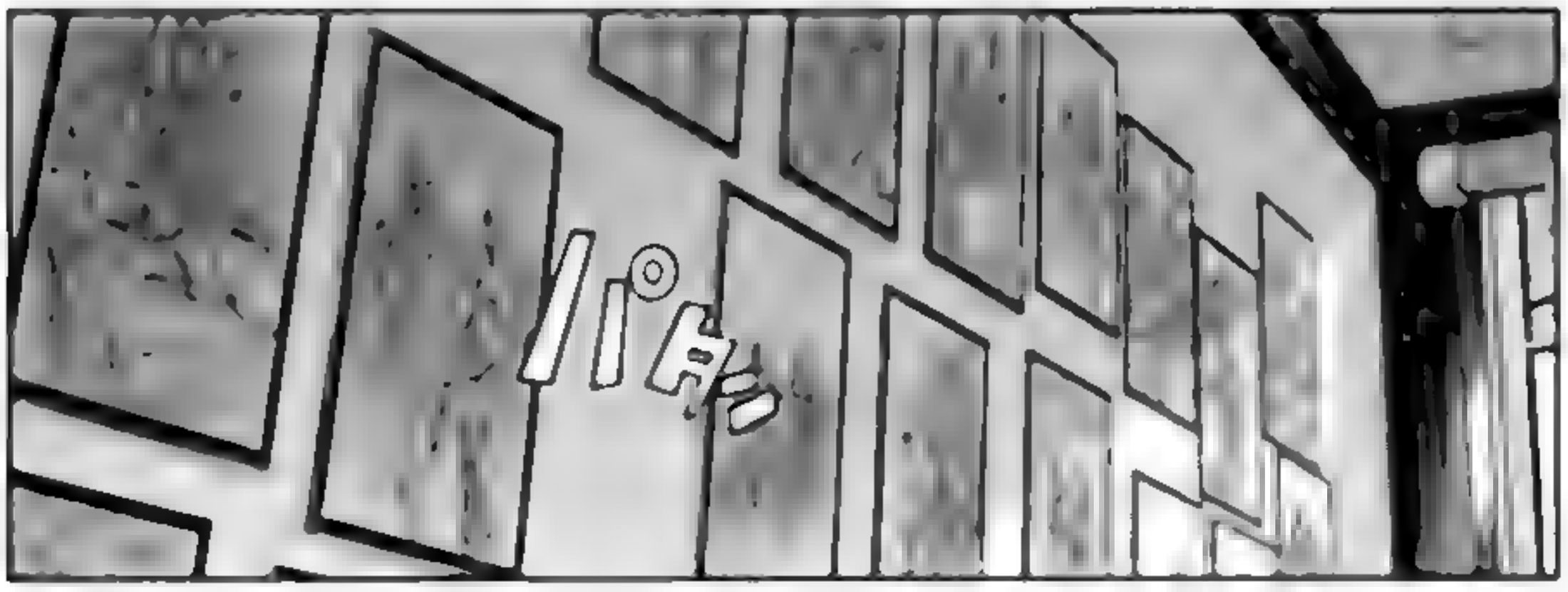
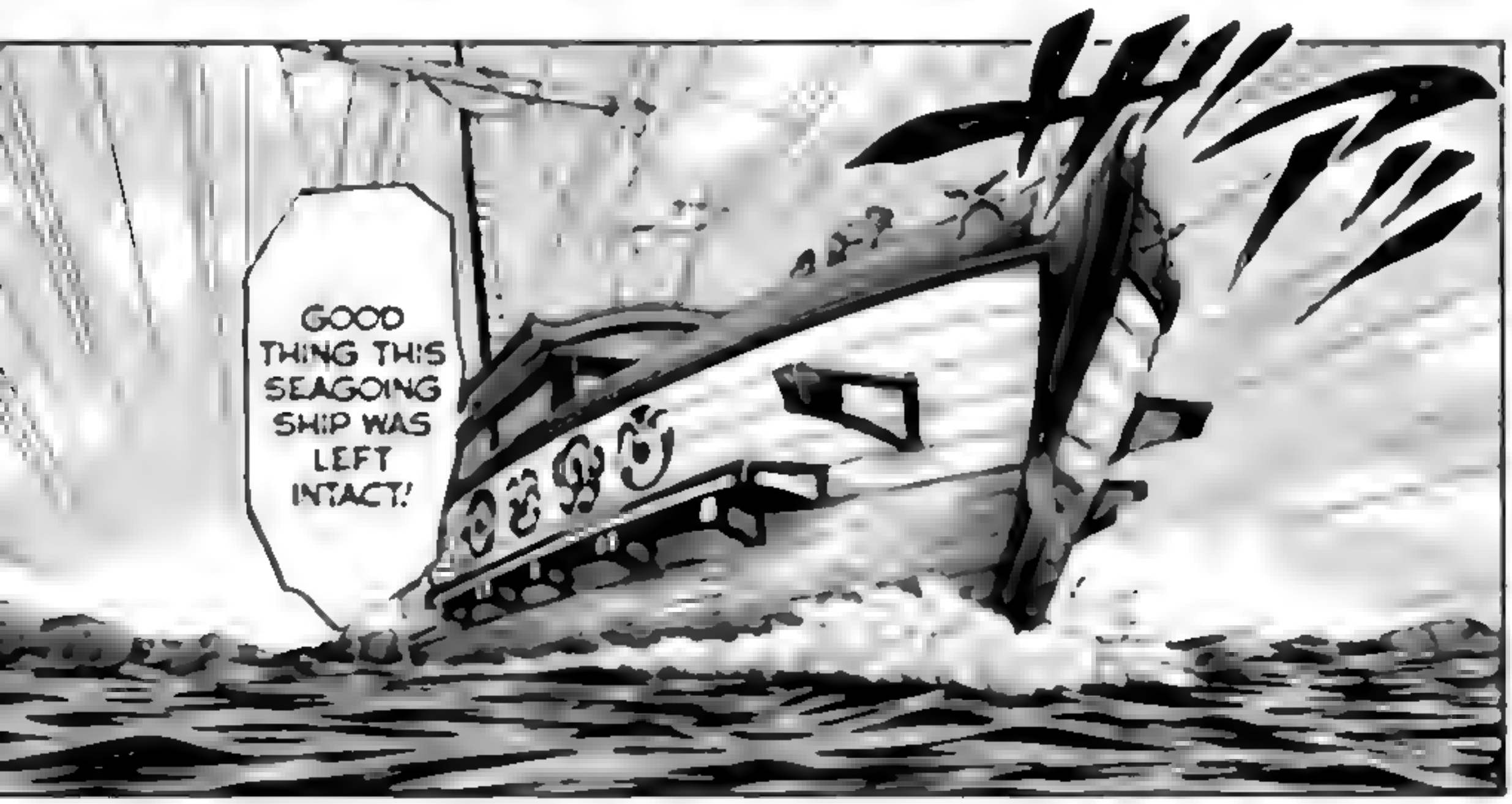
Y... yeah...

LET'S DO THIS, HARUKA! IF WE CAN PROVE OUR WORTH AND BECOME HEROES, THEY'LL CALL OFF THE DISPOSAL!

WE'RE ALL SET HERE!




GOOD THING THIS SEAGOING SHIP WAS LEFT INTACT!

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THAT?
WE'LL PROBABLY SEE IT CORRODED OFF ALONG THE WAY!
ONCE WE LEAVE THE TONE RIVER, WE'LL BE IN THE OCEAN!

PLEASE PROPEL US WITH YOUR CANTUS TO THE SEA AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!!

...NOTHING! WE'LL JUST PRAY THAT THE FIEND DOESN'T SHOW UP!

YEAH !!

ALRIGHT! LET'S DO THIS!!

TOKYO, IS IT...!

GIKKA!

WE DEPART IMMEDIATELY! READY A SHIP!!

OH!

THIS FAKE FALSE MINO-SHIRO *STILL* ISN'T READY? IT'S ALMOST SUNDOWN ALREADY... GUESS WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR TOMOR-ROW...

WE DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY PURSUERS AT THIS TIME.

THAT'S TOKYO...

I SEE IT!

HEY!

A...A BAT?!

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HUH?

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ALL OF THEM?!

THEY'RE BATS THAT ROOST IN TOKYO'S UNDER-GROUND. THEY MUST BE OUT TO FEED AT THIS TIME.

THIS IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE TOKYO WE SAW BEFORE...

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T...THE HELL'S GOING ON?!

EEK!!

IT'S LIKE A HUGE DRAGON..!!

SO THIS IS THE TOKYO OF TODAY...!!

so that Maria's child

may join them...

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We arrived in the wake of many losses...

...and for one more—

It had not even a shadow left of its former glory.

REST IN PIECES!!

GHOST REIKO

THE HONOR STUDENT IS A NEWCOMER GHOST

TODAY, WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL GUEST!

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PLEASE WELCOME MY FRIEND, SHUN!!

HEY, THERE! I'M JUST YOUR AVERAGE OMNIPRESENT GIRL, REIKO'S THE NAME! I'M A GHOST!

OH, I SEE!

BUT HOW? I'M A GHOST!

CHEER UP!

...

SHUN... WE'RE ON AIR NOW, SO DO YOUR BEST, OKAY?

NO WAY.

I DON'T BLAME YA.

THINK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE! SAKI'S JUST POURING ALL HER FEELINGS FOR YOU INTO RYO! SHE'S JUST DOING ALL THE THINGS SHE WANTS TO DO WITH YOU, WITH RYO!

...WAIT, THAT'S EVEN WORSE, ISN'T IT? BUT CHEER UP!

SAKI'S ALL LOVEY-DOVEY WITH RYO! HOW CAN I CHEER UP LIKE THIS?!

THIS IS SO CRUEL, ISN'T IT?! THEY WIPED THE MEMORIES OF ME AND PUT RYO IN MY PLACE!!

OH! MY GOSH!!

DON'T BE LIKE THAT! RYO'S A VICTIM OF THIS ALL, TOO! YOU CAN'T BADMOUTH HIM!

SORRY... I'LL WATCH OUT NEXT TIME.

SHUUUN! DON'T ACT OUT OF CHAR-ACTER!!

DAMN RYO... THAT JERK HAS NOTHING ON ME! ALL HE'S THERE FOR IS BACKWARDS COMPATIBILITY. AND YET...

!

RYO DID NOTHING WRONG!

GRRR RRR!

DON'T DO IT, SHUN! CONTROL YOUR-SELF!

WAA-AAH!!

LET'S... K... KISS?

...WAIT! RIGHT WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THAT!!

TAKE THAT, RYO, YOU SON OF A BITCH!!

FUCK YEAA-AAH!!

REIKO?!

You're acting out of character!

Day of the summer festival

Reminiscing about sex with Saki and Maria

...

YOU SURE'VE GOTTEN MORE UPPITY AFTER DYING.

MAAAN! THAT WAS PRETTY TECHNICAL!

...

SINCE I DON'T HAVE TO BRACE MYSELF ANY MORE...

WELL, I'VE LOST MY WORRIES OF THE FUTURE, AND MY FUTURE!

YOU'VE BECOME MOODY.

HUH?! NO WAY! WHOA!!

WHOA! WHOA! SAKI'S HERE!

HH

HH

FOO

WE'RE RIGHT HERE, SAKI!!

IT'S SO BORING TO WATCH THEM ALONE...

:SIGH...: I'M SO LONELY...

MAAAN, THIS IS IRRITATING!! WHY'D I HAVE TO BE DEAD?!

WHOA! SHE'S CRYING! DON'T CRY, SAKI!

O-OKAY!!

W-WELL, PUT ON A GOOD SMILE, FOR STARTERS!

REALLY?! W-W-W-WHAT DO WE DO?!

ISN'T THIS THE PATTERN SHE CAN SEE US IN?!

AHH!

SHE'S REMEM-BERED EVERY-ONE.

SO HAPPY... EVERY-ONE'S SO AMAZING...

APPARENTLY RESTING IN PIECE NOW COMES WITH A KOTATSU AND TAN-GERINES.

成仏大作戦 キャンペーン!! REST IN PIECE THANK-YOU CAMPAIGN

HUH?!

To be continued?

...YEAH, I GUESS.

MAYBE WE SHOULD REST IN PEACE, NOW!

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抹殺を唯一可能を求め、早季達は
の中、頭をもたげる
クィーラの魔手。
果て、彼女達が
それとも……。

予定!!

託された最後の“希望”。悪鬼
とする兵器「サイコ・バスター」
禁忌の地・東京に向かう。
魔境に蠢く奇怪な動植物、闇
猜疑心、そして、肉薄するス
地獄を巡るが如き探索行の
見出すのは、一筋の光明か、

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